

CHAPTER 2H. RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL INTEREST AREA SIGNS

Section 2H.01 Scope

Support:

Recreational or cultural interest areas are attractions or traffic generators that are open to the general public for the purpose of play, amusement, or relaxation. Recreational attractions include such facilities as parks, campgrounds, gaming facilities, and ski areas, while examples of cultural attractions include museums, art galleries, and historical buildings or sites.

The purpose of recreation and cultural interest area signs is to guide road users to a general area and then to specific facilities or activities within the area.

See Chapter 2G for the details of points of interest criteria.



Option:

Recreational and cultural interest area signs that depict significant traffic generators may be used on freeways and expressways where there is direct access to these areas as discussed in Section 2H.09.

Recreational and cultural interest area signs may be used off the road network, as appropriate.

Section 2H.02 Application of Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Signs

Support:

Standards for signing recreational or cultural interest areas are subdivided into two different types of signs: (1) symbol signs and (2) destination guide signs.

Guidance:

When highway agencies decide to provide recreational and cultural interest area signing, these agencies should have a policy for such signing. The policy should establish signing criteria for the eligibility of the various types of services, accommodations, and facilities. These signs should not be used where they might be confused with other traffic control signs.

Option:

Recreational and cultural interest area signs may be used on any road to direct persons to facilities, structures, and places, and to identify various services available to the general public. These signs may also be used in recreational or cultural interest areas for signing nonvehicular events and amenities such as trails, structures, and facilities.

Section 2H.03 Regulatory and Warning Signs

Standard:

All regulatory and warning signs installed on public roads and streets within recreational and cultural interest areas shall conform to the requirements of Chapters 2A, 2B, and 2C.

Section 2H.04 General Design Requirements for Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Symbol Signs

Standard:

Recreational and cultural interest area symbol signs shall be square or rectangular in shape and shall have a white symbol or message and white border on a brown background. The symbols shall be grouped into the following usage and series categories (see the “Standard Highway Signs” book for design details):

- A. General Information (RG Series)
- B. Motorist Services (RM Series)
- C. Accommodation Services (RA Series)
- D. Land Recreation (RL series, [D95-26](#))
- E. Water Recreation (RW Series), and
- F. Winter Recreation (RS Series)



Support:

Table 2H-1 contains a listing of the symbols within each series category. Drawings for these symbols are found in the “Standard Highway Signs” book (see Section 1A.11).

Option:

Mirror images of symbols may be used where the reverse image will better convey the message.

Table 2H-1. Category Chart for Symbols

<u>General Information</u>		<u>Accommodation Services</u>		<u>Water Recreation</u>	
Automobile	RG-010	Airport	RA-010	Boat Tours	RW-010
Bear Viewing Area	RG-020	Bus Stop	RA-020	Canoeing	RW-020
Dam	RG-030	Campfire	RA-030	Diving	RW-030
Deer Viewing Area	RG-040	Elevator *	RA-040	Diving (Scuba)	RW-040
Drinking Water	RG-050	Kennel	RA-050	Fishing	RW-050
Environmental Study Area	RG-060	Laundry	RA-060	Marine Recreation Area	RW-060
Falling Rocks *	RG-070	Locker *	RA-070	Motorboating	RW-070
Firearms	RG-080	Parking	RA-080	Ramp (Launch)	RW-080
Fish Hatchery	RG-090	Rest Room (Men) *	RA-090	Rowboating	RW-090
Information	RG-100	Rest Room (Women) *	RA-100	Sailboating	RW-100
Leashed Pets *	RG-110	Shelter (Sleeping) *	RA-110	Skiing (water)	RW-110
Lighthouse	RG-120	Shelter (Trail) *	RA-120	Surfing	RW-120
Litter Container	RG-130	Showers *	RA-130	Swimming	RW-130
Lookout Tower	RG-140	Family Rest Room *	RA-150	Wading	RW-140
Ped Xing *	RG-150	Helicopter	RA-160	Fishing Pier	RW-160
Point of Interest	RG-160	<u>Land Recreation</u>		Hand Launch	RW-170
Ranger Station	RG-170	Amphitheater	RL-010	Kayak	RW-190
Smoking *	RG-180	Climbing	RL-020	Wind Surf	RW-210
Truck	RG-190	Climbing (Rock)	RL-030	<u>Winter Recreation</u>	
Tunnel	RG-200	Hunting	RL-040	Skating (ice)	RS-010
Dog	RG-240	Playground	RL-050	Ski Jumping	RS-020
Seaplane	RG-260	Rock Collecting	RL-060	Skiing (Bobbing)	RS-030
<u>Motorist Services</u>		Spelunking	RL-070	Skiing (Cross Country)	RS-040
Camping (Tent)	RM-010	Stable	RL-080	Skiing (Downhill)	RS-050
Camping (Trailer)	RM-020	Trail (Bicycle)	RL-090	Sledding	RS-060
Ferry	RM-030	Trail (Hiking)	RL-100	Snowmobiling	RS-070
First Aid	RM-040	Trail (Horse)	RL-110	Snowshoeing	RS-080
Food	RM-050	Trail (Interpretive, Auto)	RL-120	Winter Recreation Area	RS-090
Gas	RM-060	Trail (Interpretive, Ped.)	RL-130	Chairlift	RS-100
Grocery Store	RM-070	Trail/Road (4 WD Veh.)	RL-140		
Handicapped	RM-080	Trail (Trail Bike)	RL-150		
Lodging	RM-090	Tramway	RL-160		
Mechanic	RM-100	All-Terrain Vehicle	RL-170		
Post Office	RM-110	Archer	RL-190		
Picnic Area	RM-120	Hang Glider	RL-210		
Picnic Shelter	RM-130	Golf	D95-26		
Rest Room	RM-140				
Telephone	RM-150				
Trailer Sanitary Station	RM-160				
Viewing Area	RM-170				
Motor Home	RM-200				
Group Camping	RM-210				
Group Picnicking	RM-220				

* For Non-Road Use

Standard:

The Golf Course service plate (D95-26) sign shall not be used or installed randomly around the state. It shall be used only in an established Tourism type areas and/or where the golf course is associated with a state park.

When used in conjunction with a park, the Golf Course service plate (D95-26) sign shall be white on brown.

When used in conjunction with a Tourism area, such as the Tourist Area and Corridor Program, the Golf Course service plate (D95-26) sign shall be white on blue.

**Section 2H.05 Symbol Sign Sizes****Guidance:**

Recreational and cultural interest area symbol signs should be 600 x 600 mm (24 x 24 in). Where greater visibility or emphasis is needed, larger sizes should be used. Symbol sign enlargements should be in 150 mm (6 in) increments.

Recreational and cultural interest area symbol signs should be 750 x 750 mm (30 x 30 in) when used on freeways or expressways.

Option:

A smaller size of 450 x 450 mm (18 x 18 in) may be used on low-speed, low-volume roadways and on nonroad applications.

Section 2H.06 Use of Educational Plaques**Guidance:**

Educational plaques should accompany all initial installations of recreational and cultural interest area symbol signs. The educational plaque should remain in place for at least 3 years after the initial installation. If used, the educational plaque should be the same width as the symbol sign.

Option:

Symbol signs that are readily recognizable by the public may be installed without educational plaques.

Support:

Figure 2H-1 illustrates some examples of the use of educational plaques.

Section 2H.07 Use of Prohibitive Slash**Standard:**

The red diagonal slash, if used on a recreational and cultural interest area sign, shall be placed from the upper left corner to the lower right corner of the sign face (see Figure 2H-1). Requirements for retroreflection of the red slash shall be the same as those requirements for legends, symbols, and borders.

Option:

Where it is necessary to indicate a restriction within a recreational or cultural interest area, a red diagonal slash may be used to indicate that the activity is prohibited.

Support:

Figure 2H-1 illustrates some examples of the use of prohibitive slashes.

Section 2H.08 Placement of Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Symbol Signs**Standard:**

If used, recreational and cultural interest area symbol signs shall be placed in accordance with the general requirements contained in Chapter 2A. The symbol(s) shall be placed in the uppermost part of the sign assembly and the directional information shall be placed below the symbol(s).

Where the name of the recreational or cultural interest area facility or activity is shown on a general directional guide sign and a symbol is used, the symbol shall be placed below the name (see Figure 2H-2).

Recreational and cultural interest area symbols installed for nonroad use shall be placed in accordance with the general sign position requirements of the authority having jurisdiction.

Support:

Figure 2H-3 illustrates typical height and lateral mounting positions. Figure 2H-4 illustrates some examples of the placement of symbol signs within a recreational or cultural interest area. Figure 2H-5 illustrates some of the symbols that can be used.

Figure 2H-1. Examples of Use of Educational Plaques, Prohibitory Slashes, and Arrows



Guidance:

The number of symbols used in a single sign assembly should not exceed four.

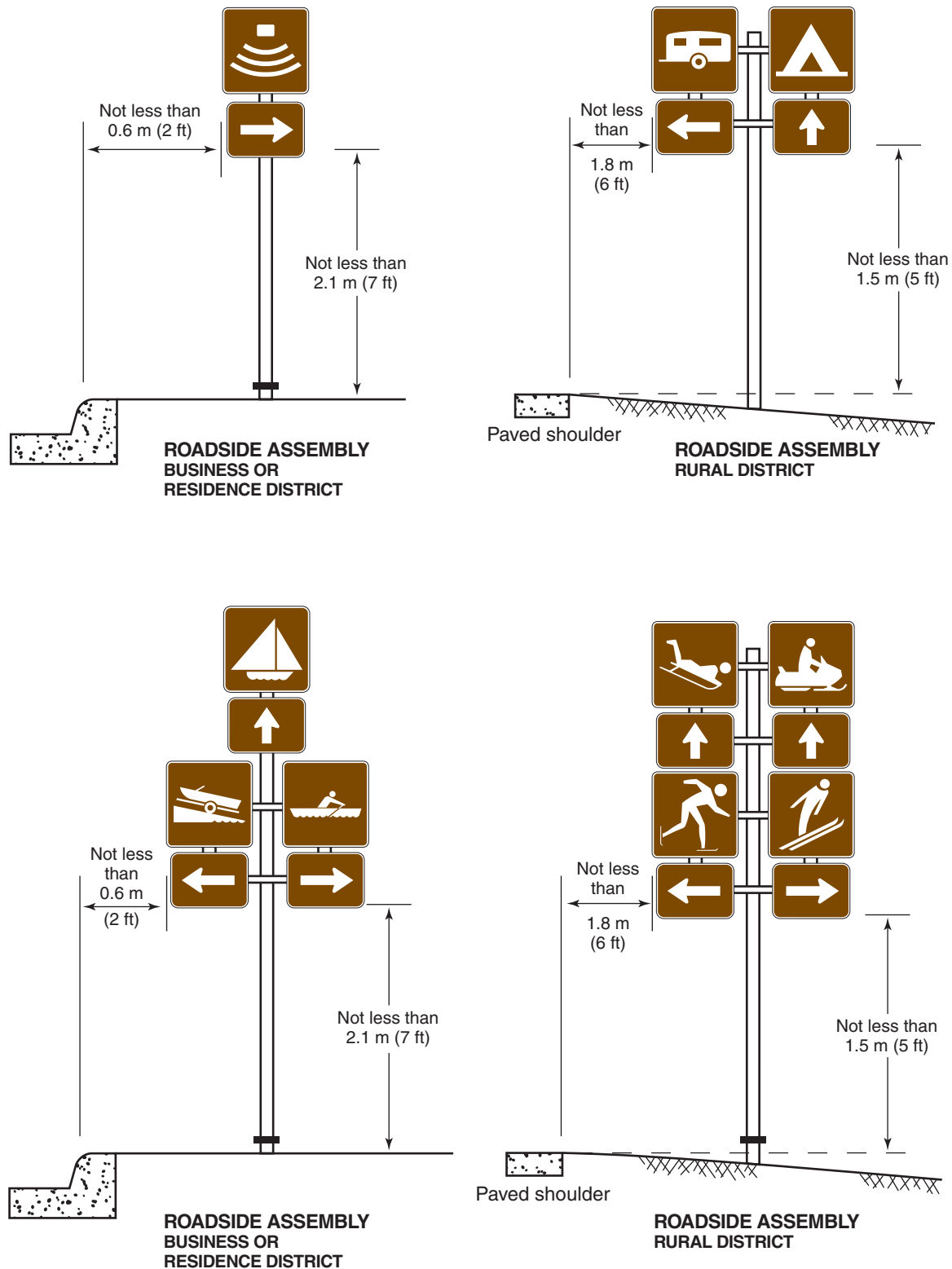
Option:

Symbols for recreational or cultural interest areas may be used as legend components for a directional sign assembly. The symbols may be used singularly, or in groups of two, three, or four on a single sign assembly (see Figures 2H-1, 2H-3, and 2H-4). Smaller-size secondary symbols (see Figure 2H-1) may be placed beneath the primary symbols, where needed.

Figure 2H-2. Examples of General Directional Guide Signs for Conventional Roads



Figure 2H-3. Height and Lateral Position of Signs Located Within Recreational and Cultural Interest Areas



Note:

See Section 2A.19 for reduced lateral offset distances that may be used in areas where lateral offsets are limited, and in urban areas where sidewalk width is limited or where existing poles are close to the curb.

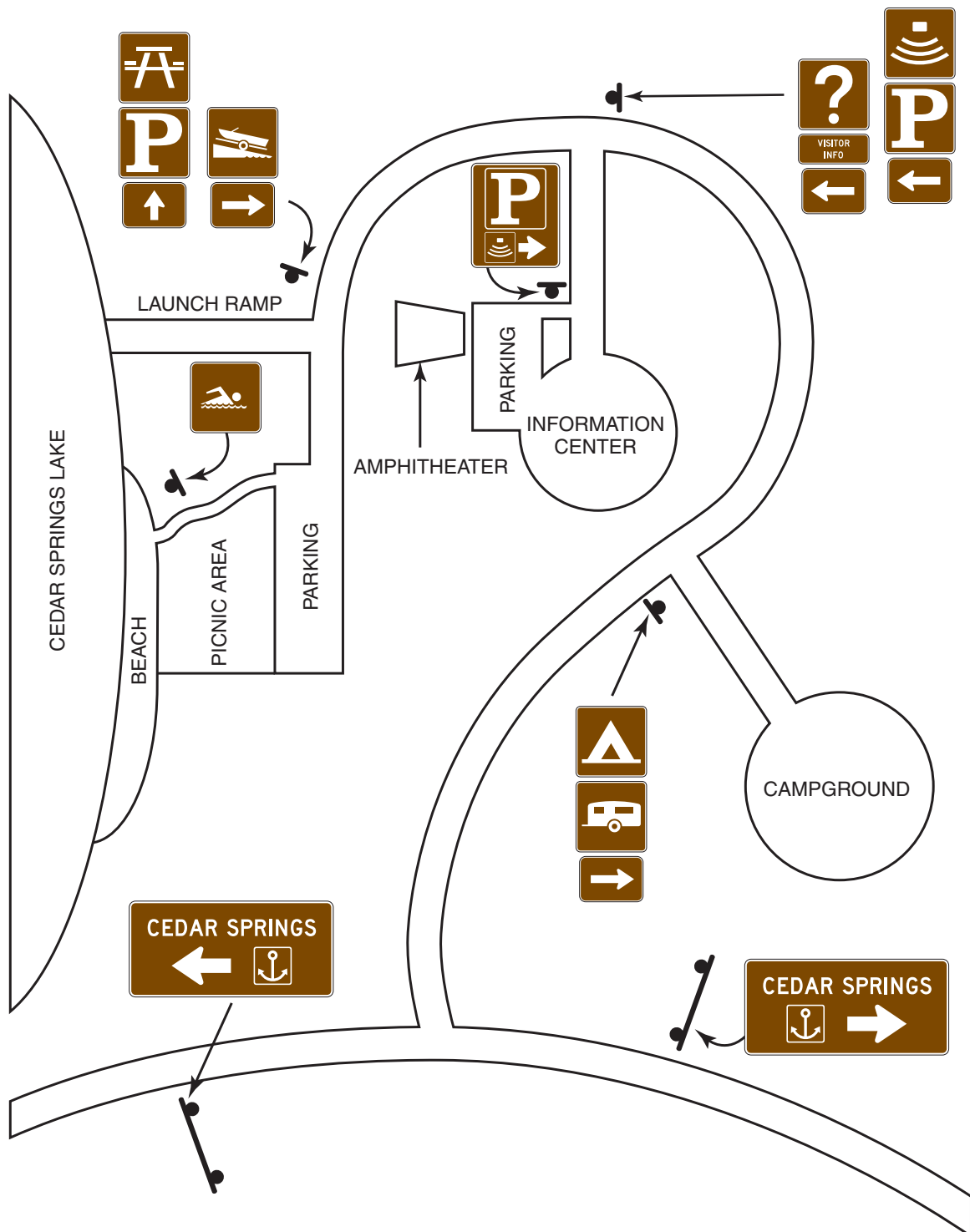
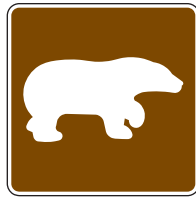
Figure 2H-4. Examples of Symbol Signing Layout

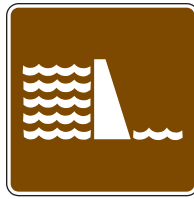
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RG-010
Automobile



RG-020
Bear Viewing Area



RG-030
Dam



RG-040
Deer Viewing Area



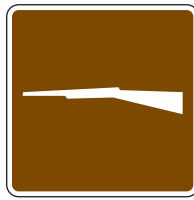
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Drinking Water



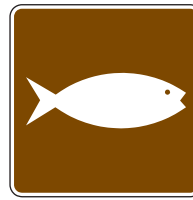
RG-060
Environmental
Study Area



RG-070
Falling Rocks



RG-080
Firearms



RG-090
Fish Hatchery



RG-100
Information



RG-110
Leashed Pets



RG-120
Lighthouse



RG-130
Litter Container



RG-140
Lookout Tower



RG-150
Ped Xing



RG-160
Point of Interest



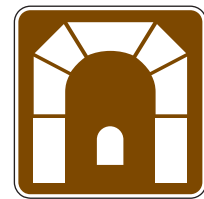
RG-170
Ranger Station



RG-180
Smoking



RG-190
Truck



RG-200
Tunnel



RG-240
Dog



RG-260
Seaplane



RM-010
Camping (Tent)

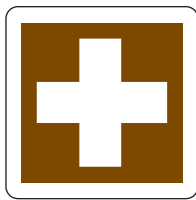


RM-020
Camping (Trailer)



RM-030
Ferry

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RM-040
First Aid



RM-050
Food



RM-060
Gas



RM-070
Grocery Store



RM-080
Handicapped



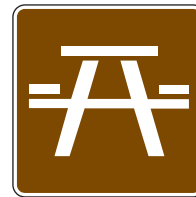
RM-090
Lodging



RM-100
Mechanic



RM-110
Post Office



RM-120
Picnic Area



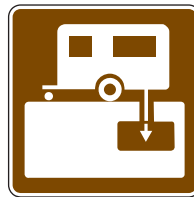
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Picnic Shelter



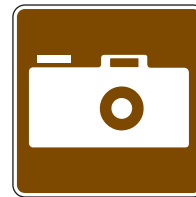
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Rest Room



RM-150
Telephone



RM-160
Trailer
Sanitary Station



RM-170
Viewing Area

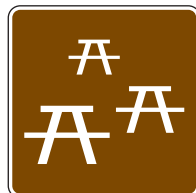


RM-200
Motor Home



GROUP
CAMPING

RM-210
Group Camping



GROUP
PICNICKING

RM-220
Group Picnicking



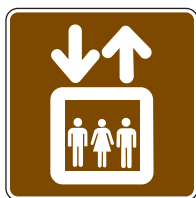
RA-010
Airport



RA-020
Bus Stop



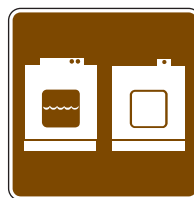
RA-030
Campfire



RA-040
Elevator



RA-050
Kennel



RA-060
Laundry



RA-070
Locker



RA-080
Parking

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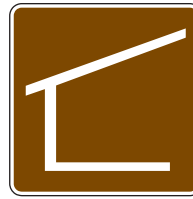
RA-090
Rest Room (Men)



RA-100
Rest Room (Women)



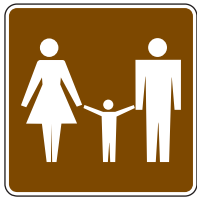
RA-110
Shelter (Sleeping)



RA-120
Shelter (Trail)



RA-130
Showers



RA-150
Family Rest Room



RA-160
Helicopter



RL-010
Amphitheater



RL-020
Climbing



RL-030
Climbing (Rock)



RL-040
Hunting



RL-050
Playground



RL-060
Rock Collecting



RL-070
Spelunking



RL-080
Stable



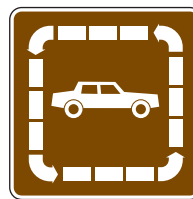
RL-090
Trail
(Bicycle)



RL-100
Trail
(Hiking)



RL-110
Trail
(Horse)



RL-120
Trail
(Interpretive, Auto)



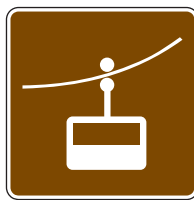
RL-130
Trail
(Interpretive, Ped.)



RL-140
Trail/Road
(4 WD Veh.)



RL-150
Trail
(Trail Bike)



RL-160
Tramway



RL-170
All-Terrain Vehicle



RL-190
Archer

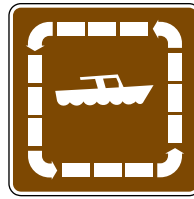
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RL-210
Hang Glider



D95-26 
Golf Course



RW-010
Boat Tours



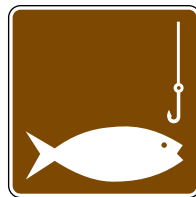
RW-020
Canoeing



RW-030
Diving



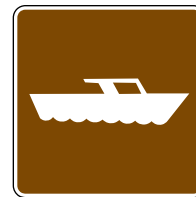
RW-040
Diving (Scuba)



RW-050
Fishing



RW-060
Marine Recreation
Area



RW-070
Motorboating



RW-080
Ramp (Launch)



RW-090
Rowboating



RW-100
Sailboating



RW-110
Skiing (Water)



RW-120
Surfing



RW-130
Swimming



RW-140
Wading



RW-160
Fishing Pier



RW-170
Hand Launch



RW-190
Kayak



RW-210
Wind Surf



RS-010
Skating (Ice)



RS-020
Ski Jumping



RS-030
Skiing
(Bobbing)



RS-040
Skiing
(Cross Country)



RS-050
Skiing
(Downhill)

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RS-060
Sledding



RS-070
Snowmobiling



RS-080
Snowshoeing



RS-090
Winter Recreation
Area



RS-100
Chairlift

Section 2H.09 Destination Guide Signs

Guidance:

When recreational or cultural interest area destinations are shown on supplemental guide signs, the sign should be rectangular or trapezoidal in shape. The order of preference for use of shapes and colors should be as follows: (1) rectangular with a white legend and border on a green background; (2) rectangular with a white legend and border on a brown background; or (3) trapezoidal with a white legend and border on a brown background.

Standard:

Whenever the trapezoidal shape is used, the color combination shall be a white legend and border on a brown background.

Option:

White-on-brown destination guide signs may be posted at the first point where an access or crossroad intersects a highway where recreational or cultural interest areas are a significant destination along conventional roads, expressways, or freeways. White-on-brown supplemental guide signs may be used along conventional roads, expressways, or freeways to direct road users to recreational or cultural interest areas. Where access or crossroads lead exclusively to the recreational or cultural interest area, the advance guide sign and the exit direction sign may be white-on-brown.

Standard:

Linear parkway-type highways that primarily function as arterial connectors, even if they also provide access to recreational or cultural interest areas, shall not qualify for the use of white-on-brown destination guide signs. Directional guide signs used on these highways shall conform to Chapter 2D.

All gore signs shall have a white legend and border on a green background. The background color of the interchange exit number panel shall match the background color of the guide sign. Design characteristics of conventional road, expressway, or freeway guide signs shall conform to Chapter 2D or 2E except as specified in this Section for color combination.

The advance guide sign and the Exit Direction sign shall retain the white-on- green color combination where the crossroad leads to a destination other than a recreational or cultural interest area.

Support:

Figure 2H-2 illustrates destination guide signs commonly used for identifying recreational or cultural interest areas or facilities.